

Graft Evidence For Building Inquiry Gone

Missing Papers Needed in Action to Secure Indictments Against Leaders Engaged in Price Fixing

Grand Jury Acts To-day

Twenty True Bills Expected From Facts That Will Be Presented by Undermyer

Concrete evidence on which about twenty indictments are expected to be returned will be presented to-day to the November grand jury by Samuel H. Undermyer, counsel to the Joint Legislative Committee. This committee has been investigating alleged criminal activities in the building trades that are supposed to have been responsible for delay in furnishing housing facilities in this city.

Mr. Undermyer, Leonard M. Wallstein and Deputy Attorney General Berger held a long conference yesterday, at which plans were laid for the placing of this evidence before the grand jury to-day.

The grand jury, which will take up the housing scandal, was chosen before Justice Mulqueen in General Sessions on Monday, and is headed by Thomas M. McCarthy, treasurer of the Austin Nichols Company.

The attention of Mr. Undermyer and his associates was called to the alleged disappearance of certain important books, papers and records of a number of building groups which have figured in the investigation. These documents, which are asserted to contain information of a sensational character, are alleged to have been removed from the state and to have been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the committee.

Hunt for Missing Evidence

The missing papers, it was said, would assist materially in securing the indictment of certain persons powerful in associations which have engaged in price fixing.

The Lockwood Committee, it was said, would make every effort to recover these documents, as they are badly needed in the criminal action begun by Mr. Undermyer. It is understood that the committee will ask that the United States Department of Justice be assigned to the task of tracing the documents. Among the papers are said to be the minutes of meetings of certain associations in the building trades, which contain information pertaining to price fixing were discussed.

The committee already has called upon Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph E. McGuire to start immediate action toward the recovery of the papers. Mr. Undermyer, when he volunteered to serve as chief counsel to the Joint Legislative Committee, stipulated in taking up the investigation that the cooperation and assistance of the government be solicited. This assistance has been pledged.

Reports of internal discussion in the Building Trades Council as a result of recent developments in the legislative probe are in circulation. The row was said to have been started as a result of the refusal of many members of the council to submit to an assessment of \$10 each for the purpose of creating a defense fund. There are upward of 15,000 men in the trades council.

Many of the members are said to be in revolt against the assessment and are declared to have the backing of their local.

Hearing Goes On To-Morrow

The Lockwood committee's hearings will be resumed to-morrow, at which time there will be called as witnesses certain members of many large trade organizations. The men to be called are manufacturers of building materials used in the construction of homes and apartment houses, and they will be questioned closely as to the methods they employ in arriving at the prices at which they sell their materials.

These prices are alleged to be arranged in such a way that there is no competition, either among themselves or the jobbers who handle their products.

The evidence to be submitted to the grand jury to-day will relate largely to the combinations or agreements existing between certain labor unions and building trade employers. The charges of grafting upon laborious house wreckers and other workers will be brought to the attention of the jury, and members of John T. Hettrick's cut stone and plumbers' association of "bosses" will be asked to tell of their operations.

Every witness will be required to waive immunity and those who refuse will be excused from testifying.

La Guardia to Outline Big Harbor Plan

Estimate Board to Hear Jamaica Bay Proposal at Special Meeting November 15

Plans to create a first class harbor at Jamaica Bay without cost to the city will be outlined by Aldermanic President La Guardia and members of a special committee of the Board of Estimate November 15.

An offer was recently made by A. H. Greely, head of a Jamaica syndicate, in which he said he was prepared to spend up to \$100,000,000 in constructing a large terminal for seagoing ships at this point.

Mr. La Guardia announced yesterday that investigation of the offer would be begun at once, and that Borough President Roosevelt and Connelly would work with him.

The Greely offer, it was said, will hinge on the ability of Mr. Greely and his associates to raise the \$100,000,000. Another point of debate is Mr. Greely's proposal that a channel thirty feet deep be dug. Originally an 18-foot channel depth was specified in the agreement between the city and the Federal government in the tentative discussion of the project. To increase depth, it was explained, would require special Federal legislation.

Weather Report

Local Official Record—The following official record shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

1920, 1919.

Humidity

Barometer Readings

Women Jurors in Jersey To Decide Rent Dispute

Fifty Drawn in Panel to Appear Before Court in Bayonne

Bayonne, N. J., Nov. 2.—Fifty prominent women residents of this place to-day received notice that they had been drawn in a jury panel, and that they would have to appear to-morrow before Judge Peter Stillwell in the Bayonne District Court for jury duty.

This will be the second jury of women to serve in the State of New Jersey. The first jury to appear in this state was selected in Orange two weeks ago.

The case that will confront the women jury will be that of the landlord and tenant variety. Samuel Lichtenstein is the landlord. He alleges that his one-time tenant, Harry Bennett, left his apartment at 29 East Twenty-ninth Street, Bayonne, and neglected to pay a month's rent, which amounted to \$40. He wants the money.

Chatterer Becomes Acquainted

By Thornton W. Burgess

Is there something you would learn?
Something you would know about?
Use your tongue; that's what it's for.
Use your tongue and find it out.

—Chatterer the Red Squirrel.

Chatterer isn't in the least bashful. In fact, I know of no one less bashful than Chatterer the Red Squirrel. He isn't afraid to use his tongue. Some people call him impudent because he uses his tongue so freely. But he doesn't mind this at all. He keeps right on using that tongue of his, and the result is he knows about all there is to know in regard to his neighbors and their affairs.

For a while after his discovery of that big red-coated stranger under his favorite hickory tree Chatterer kept his tongue still and was content to keep out of sight and watch. But the longer he watched the greater became his curiosity. He wanted to know who this stranger was and what his business was. When his curiosity became so great he could no longer stand it, he decided to use his tongue.

Chatterer seated himself on a limb in plain sight of the stranger and coughed. It was a very slight cough. The stranger took no notice of it. Chatterer coughed louder. The stranger looked up.

"Hello," said Chatterer.

"Hello yourself," replied the stranger, good-naturedly.

"Who are you?" demanded Chatterer bluntly.

"Me? Why, I'm a Squirrel. Don't you recognize a number of your own family when you see him?" replied the stranger with a twinkle in his eyes.

Chatterer saw that twinkle and it provoked him. He felt that inside the stranger was laughing at him, and if there is one thing Chatterer cannot stand it is being laughed at. He opened his mouth for a sharp retort and then thought better of it. "Yes," said he meekly. "I know a member of my family when I see him. Of course, you are one of my cousins. But I never have seen you before and I was wondering what your name is."

"I'm Rusty the Fox Squirrel," replied the stranger promptly.

"Are you just passing through here on your way to some other place?" asked Chatterer, looking rather anxiously at the fat hickory nuts on the ground.

Rusty picked up a fat hickory nut and turned it over two or three times

to find the best place to open it. "No," said he. "No, I can't say that I am. The fact is I have decided to settle here in the Green Forest. I like it. I like these fat hickory nuts. They are the best I've ever found. I think I can live here very comfortably and happily. I hope you won't object to having a new neighbor, especially a member of your own family. Rusty said this most politely, but his eyes twinkled with mischief. "Won't you come down and enjoy these fat hickory nuts with me?" he added slyly.

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Cohen Fights To Free 81 He Met in Asylum

Lawyer Who Won Way Out of State Hospital by Convincing Court of Sanity Demands Right to Vote

Patients in Courtroom

Many Inmates Are Rational and Held Because None Help Them, Says Attorney

After obtaining his release from the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island by a writ of habeas corpus,

Louis Cohen, a lawyer, of 216 West 102d Street, former member of the Legislature and for many years a figure in Tammany Hall, then established his sanity to the satisfaction of Supreme Court Justice John V. McAvoy. Yesterday Cohen began a fight in behalf of eighty-one alleged lunatics now confined on Ward's Island.

Cohen's action was one of the most spectacular performances recorded in the history of the New York courts. Basing his own fight on the right of an unregistered citizen to register and vote, and winning the preliminary skirmishes, Cohen proceeded to attempt to free eighty-one of those with whom he had associated in Manhattan State Hospital. He alleged that they were sane beyond question.

81 Patients Ordered to Court

As a first step Cohen sued out a writ, requiring that officials of the state hospital produce the eighty-one alleged lunatics in court, and Justice McAvoy signed the order.

The officials at the state hospital were notified of the court's action. An hour later Dr. Marcus B. Heyman, superintendent of the institution, appeared with six of the inmates before Justice McAvoy. He explained that he was unable to produce the entire eighty-one patients in court for the reason that many of them were too ill; some were dead, and there were not sufficient guards to undertake the task of bringing those who were able to make the journey.

"What is the purpose of trying to get eighty-one men before the court on these writs on Election Day?" Justice McAvoy asked Cohen.

"For two reasons," said Cohen. "One is that they are improperly detained and illegally committed. Another is that they are sane and entitled to the right of suffrage."

Justice McAvoy then said that the authorities at Ward's Island should be given time in which to prepare their case and that they should be represented by the Attorney General. Accordingly he set the hearing for November 23.

In a statement to the newspapers Cohen said:

"The men on whose behalf I have made application are apparently as sane as we are. Some of them have been inmates of the island for periods of thirty years, twenty years, seventeen years and twelve years each. Many persons have been railroaded to state institutions and other insane asylums who ought never to have been sent to them. Once inside, if they have no one to take up their cause, they remain inside."

Cohen Tells of Own Case

In his own suit Cohen alleged that he was committed to the Ward's Island institution by County Judge McKelvey, of Saratoga County, late in September. His commitment, he alleged, grew out of an altercation with an employee in the Grand Union Hotel at Saratoga.

He was arrested and put in jail, he said. After he alleged, he refused to sign a general release, freeing the hotel management of all blame for the hotel employee's action, he was committed to the Manhattan State Hospital by Judge McKelvey.

During his commitment, Cohen alleged, he made repeated attempts to gain his release, but was constantly checked, he said, by hospital officials.

While Cohen obtained his freedom from the hospital, he alleged, Justice Donnelly cited the law, which stipulates that registration shall be completed at least ten days before Election Day. Cohen contended that he made repeated attempts to register while he was held at Ward's Island.

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The battle was not then of the choosing of the man who wrote this yesterday for today's newspaper. It was purely the misconception of the old-time storekeepers as to the purpose of

A New Kind of Store

It never has been the purpose of this Store to be Competitive, fussy or jealous of others

Months ago we foresaw that a beginning must be made to lower prices and to stem the tide of audacious urgency on the part of certain makers and holders of goods to continue advancement of prices.

We threw our hat into the ring, as Theodore Roosevelt once did, and it is still in the ring!

At a loss we cleared and got the money for several millions of dollars of goods, and little by little we put into our stocks whatever we could buy at lower prices.

Which we are now selling at newly made prices

We caught up with the Good Opportunities

and so we shall catch up every day with every opportunity and keep on going after those opportunities.

We shall have

No Hurly-Burly Sales

This is a Store wholly different from all such trickery

We stand for the people, who expect different of us and whom we protect with all the zeal and knowledge we have gained.

That man or woman, buyer or manager, in our employ, if any such there be, who fails to see that our patrons do not get every advantage in their purchases of the reductions we secure, will lose his or her place, sure and certain.

We have but little, if any, old stock on hand, and everything is justly marked, some at a considerable loss to ourselves.

This Store will not cease to care first for its patrons while its present owners live.

(Signed) John Wanamaker

November 3, 1920.

Blouses with the "costume" quality, very special, \$10.50

Ten models—Georgette crepe and brocaded meteor, Overblouse and tie-around models.

Biscuit color, midnight blue, brown, black, taupe, turquoise blue, embroidered with color, and applied motifs of duvetyne.

Second Floor, Old Building.

DECIDEDLY Individual Coats for Women, \$59.50 and \$97.50—third to half less.

(1) each coat was planned in every detail, so that the result was harmonious—furs chosen to suit texture and color of material, linings chosen to suit color of coat and fur.

(2) the models were chosen with definite types of women in mind—the small youthful woman—the rather tailored woman—the stately woman.

Fine Materials

The fine materials of these coats in those at \$59.50, Bolivia, velours, and oxford cloth and those at \$97.50 in vicuna cloth, peachbloom, duvet de laine and marvina cloth assure distinction in themselves.

The Furs

The furs used are—on the \$59.50 coats—French seal (dyed coney), Australian opossum, nutria and raccoon. On the \$97.50 coats—mole, Australian opossum, Korcan fox, French seal, and raccoon.

Colors—dark green, brown, midnight blue, gray and reindeer.

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